

THE THOMAS COUNTY CAT.

OFFICIAL COUNTY PAPER.

Mr. Sparks Reversed.

The Secretary of the Interior has decided that Mr. Sparks was wrong in his construction of the law and has reversed him. As the matter now stands a homesteader can pay out or commute, and then take back a pre-emption; he can also take a pre-emption and pay out and then take a homestead and also commute. This is as it should be, and is according to the practice of the land office before Mr. Sparks was called to fill the office. It seems strange that when men are called to fill high positions, their very first act is to undertake to inaugurate some new system or upset some old established decision, that custom and age has made law.

Gem Cossip.

Look out, Messrs. Saddler and Ellsworth, Mr. Woodcock is watching you, or would if some one would get up a penny purse to get him some more spectacles. Perhaps it would be better to get a chain to hold them to him, for he will lose them if they are not extra tight.

The Gem literary is dead. No one called Mr. Woodcock to preach its last farewell, but it had to pass out of existence without even an inquest, so good bye. Watch out there, for if Mr. Woodcock gets after you you must get, for one old owl is better than two young ganders. He can beat you in jumping and in debating, now if he only gets his new eyes then our part of Thomas needs nothing else. The young will cease to weep and joy spread through all our town.

Newcomers are plenty, still there is room for more.

If we see this in the Tom Cat then next time we will do better.

Guess who it is.

MUTE.

Gem Cleanings.

All seems happy, the sun shines bright. Farmers at work. C. Roberts has gone to Nebraska. His broad smiles are missed at Gem Ranch where Miss Edith Ellsworth used to greet him at the counter. Never mind, he will come again.

Ed. Halladay is happy now, C. Roberts is gone. All are cordially invited to call and examine the Gem store goods where Miss Edith will be pleased to sell anything in their line of business. She will do all to please company in her power.

Miss Edith Ellsworth has been gone from our circle for some weeks. We would be glad to have her come back, as young people are scarce here.

Gem is on the boom.

MAGNET OF LAZY JIM.

Georgetown Items

Various sowing wheat the order of the day.

Many families moved in our town last week. Several frame buildings erected of late.

Quicker changing hands every day. A few contests but no trouble yet, but if you ye contestants, look before you leap.

Warning.—A first-class grocer with a full stock of groceries; a good opening for the right man. Also about a dozen new things, not particular as to name.

Our school meeting, (district No. 10) was held on the 26th of March. Selected a school house site on the southwest corner of the northwest quarter of section 29, town 6, range 31. Every vote was unanimous on all questions of importance. Wm. Bartlett was elected director; Joseph Harrison, clerk; Warren Babcock, treasurer. Also raised \$50 to build a school house. Those on the west side of our district whom we so kindly granted to annex themselves to our district have built up a monument to themselves in the hearts of our people by staying away from our meeting and not giving a farthing toward the erection of the school house or to the support of our school. But it was ever thus, we must have a few independents.

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Mrs. Lamont and Mrs. Jaggar beg to announce to their friends and the public in general, that they will open in a few days, a milliner and dress making establishment, where they will be pleased to see all desiring goods or work in their line.

Township Board.

A special meeting of the township board of Morgan township, will be held at the court house, Saturday, April 10th. Every member is urged to be present.

JAMES WOLLEN, Trustee.

Our friends (and enemies as well) are invited to call and see our new power press. It is a daisy. This press, together with a new job press, a new paper cutter and a new outfit of material makes the CAT office the most complete printing office in the radius of two hundred miles. The CAT first opened its eyes in a dug out, over at the geographical center, on the 12th of March last. The office in-voiced a Washington hand press, 40 pounds old brevier, and an equal amount of small pica. The advertising type was assorted from various printing office "hell" boxes. In the early days the CAT was set up and printed by the editor, the work being done in one day. The room was 10x14 and was used for a hotel sleeping room as well. The boys never "pied" any type only after retiring to their couches of soft pine boards, but it was remarkable what an amount of damage was done in their sleep. Those were hard times. Native fuel was used almost entirely with a few railroad ties that floated up the Solomon, thrown in for seasoning. Times have changed. A year ago the land where Colby now rests upon was not surveyed, and for ten miles there was hardly any evidence of the presence of man. What a change. Colby with her five hundred inhabitants, and houses on nearly every quarter section in the north part of the county. Another year will make a change still greater.

It is not generally known, but the first paper in Thomas county was called the Enterprise, and was edited by "Old Man Brown & Son." They printed a half sheet one week, and the heavy editorial of the paper, was about making asparagus grow, and another column about the fashions. The great question with the few settlers then was how to make wet buffalo fuel burn. The Browns got afraid of the "Kiotoses" (coyotes) and left the country.

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Is a black, stands 17 1/2 hands high and weighs 1,000 pounds. His sire Renford 1st was imported by E. Dillon, the celebrated importer of horses of Norman, Ill. This horse can be found at Walker's livery stable. These admiring beautiful horse flesh, should call and see him.

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On section 31, town 6, range 33, one brindle cow. Branded on right shoulder, indistinct brand, both horns broken off. Taken up Feb. 5th. Owner can get said animal by proving property and paying charges. MILTON HILEMAN, Colby, Kas., March 23d, 1886.

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Notice, Timber Culture No. 5047. U. S. Land Office, Oberlin, Kan. March 29, 1886.

Complaint having been entered at this office by Geo. T. Fry against Charles T. Whitmore for failure to comply with law as to timber culture entry No. 1294, dated March 26, 1885, upon the sw qr sec 33, town 6, range 36 west, in Thomas county, Kansas, with a view to the cancellation of said entry; contestant alleges that Charles T. Whitmore has failed to break 5 acres during the first year or between the 26th day of March, 1885 and the 25th day of March, 1886, or at any other time since making said entry; the said parties are hereby summoned to appear at this office on the 14th day of May, 1886, at 10 o'clock a. m. to respond and furnish testimony concerning said alleged failure.

A. L. PATCHIN, Register. Bertram & Doorn. 4-tal

Notice No. 4888. U. S. Land Office, Oberlin, Kan. March 23, 1886.

Complaint having been entered at this office by W. H. Copeland against J. H. Hosea for abandoning his homestead entry No. 5544, dated Sept 19th, 1885, upon the ne qr sec 14, town 8 s range 39 w in Sherman county Kan., with a view to the cancellation of said entry; contestant alleges that said defendant has failed to build a house on said land and to plow or cultivate any part of said land since making said entry; the said parties are hereby summoned to appear at this office on the 13th day of May, 1886, at 10 o'clock a. m. to respond and furnish testimony concerning said alleged abandonment.

A. L. PATCHIN, Register. Bertram & Doorn. 4-tal

Notice For Publication No. 4393. Land office at Oberlin, Kans. March 19, 1886.

Notice is hereby given that the following named settler has filed notice of his intention to make final proof in support of his claim, and that said proof will be made before Judge of district court or in his absence the clerk thereof, at Colby, Kansas, viz: John A. Patchin, D. S. No. 2201, for the ne qr sec 25, town 6 south, range 35 west, John A. Hanger, D. S. No. 2202, on same land is notified that unless he appears at the same time his D. S. will be canceled.

He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon and cultivation of said land, viz: J. C. Carlock, U. B. Boyd, Wm. Brunwell, Frank Load, all of Quickville, Kansas.

A. L. PATCHIN, Register. 4-tal

Notice No. 4944. U. S. Land Office, Oberlin, Kans. March 18, 1886.

Complaint having been entered at this office by Seth Patton against Oley Bean for abandoning his homestead entry No. 4667, dated August 19, 1885, upon the ne qr sec 2 town 9 s range 33 w, in Thomas county, Kans with a view to the cancellation of said entry; contestant alleges that def't has failed to build a house on said land or establish a residence thereon as required by law.

The said parties are hereby summoned to appear at this office on the 21st day of May, 1886, at 10 o'clock a. m. to respond and furnish testimony concerning said alleged abandonment.

A. L. PATCHIN, Register. 4-tal

Notice No. 4965. U. S. Land Office, Oberlin, Kan. March 22, 1886.

Complaint having been entered at this office by Henry Widdersheim against J. E. Johnson for abandoning his homestead entry No. 3261, dated May 14, 1885, upon the sw qr sec 24, town 6 south, range 35 west, in Thomas county, Kansas, with a view to the cancellation of said entry; contestant alleges that def't has not established a residence on said land since making said entry.

The said parties are hereby summoned to appear at this office on the 14th day of May, 1886, at 10 o'clock a. m. to respond and furnish testimony concerning said alleged abandonment.

A. L. PATCHIN, Register. 4-tal

Notice No. 4826. U. S. Land Office, Oberlin, Kan. March 16, 1886.

Complaint having been entered at this office by Newton A. Lane against William B. Atkins for abandoning his homestead entry No. 4868, dated August 26, 1885, upon the nw qr sec 19, town 6 south, range 35 west in Thomas county, Kansas, with a view to the cancellation of said entry; contestant alleges that up to the present time no house has been built thereon. The said parties are hereby summoned to appear at this office on the 15th day of May, 1886, at 10 o'clock a. m. to respond and furnish testimony concerning said alleged abandonment.

A. L. PATCHIN, Register. 4-tal

Notice No. 4831. U. S. Land Office, Oberlin, Kansas. March 8, 1886.

Complaint having been entered at this office by Frank Pingree against Milton Shields for abandoning his homestead entry No. 5093, dated September 5, 1885, upon the sw qr sec 28, town 8 south, range 34 west, in Thomas county, Kansas, with a view to the cancellation of said entry; the said parties are hereby summoned to appear at this office on the 21st day of May, 1886, at 10 o'clock a. m. to respond and furnish testimony concerning said alleged abandonment.

A. L. PATCHIN, Register. 4-tal

Notice For Publication No. 4407. Land Office at Oberlin, Kansas. March 23, 1886.

Notice is hereby given that the following named settler has filed notice of his intention to make final proof in support of his claim, and that said proof will be made before Judge District Court, or in his absence the Clerk thereof at Colby, Kansas, on May 10, 1886, viz: Jefferson Head, D. S. 2241, for the ne qr sec 18, town 7 south, range 35 west.

He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon and cultivation of said land, viz: R. Hockett, J. M. Vanderveke, H. C. Fuller, Dave Mitchell, all of Colby, Kansas.

A. L. PATCHIN, Register. 4-tal

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Notice No. 4923

U. S. Land Office, Oberlin, Kans. March 16, 1886. Complaint having been entered at this office by C. M. Hughes against Dwayne M. Brewer for abandoning his homestead entry No. 2407, dated April 21, 1885, upon the nw qr sec 17, town 6 south, range 34 west, in Thomas county, Kans., with a view to the cancellation of said entry; contestant alleges that defendant has never established a residence on said land.

The said parties are hereby summoned to appear at this office on the 14th day of June, 1886, at 10 o'clock a. m. to respond and furnish testimony concerning said alleged abandonment.

A. L. PATCHIN, Register. 4-tal

Notice—Timber Culture No. 4911.

U. S. Land Office, Oberlin, Kan. March 15, 1886. Complaint having been entered at this office by George Patton against Oley Bean for failure to comply with law as to timber culture entry No. 1141, dated March 12, 1885, upon the nw qr section 28, township 7 south, range 35 west in Thomas county, Kansas, with a view to the cancellation of said entry; contestant alleges that def't has failed to break 5 acres or any portion thereof on said land since date of entry.

The said parties are hereby summoned to appear at this office on the 21st day of May, 1886, at 10 o'clock a. m. to respond and furnish testimony concerning said alleged failure.

A. L. PATCHIN, Register. 4-tal

NOTICE No. 4965. U. S. Land Office, Oberlin, Kans. March 18, 1886.

Complaint having been entered at this office by Lewis H. Pingree against M. V. B. Sinefor for abandoning his homestead entry No. 5067, dated Sept. 4, 1885, upon the nw qr sec 23, town 9 s, range 35 w, in Thomas county, Kansas, with a view to the cancellation of said entry; contestant alleges that def't has not built a house or made any other improvements. The said parties are hereby summoned to appear at this office on the 21st day of May, 1886, at 10 o'clock a. m. to respond and furnish testimony concerning said alleged abandonment.

A. L. PATCHIN, Register. 4-tal

Notice No. 4966. U. S. Land Office, Oberlin, Kans. March 15, 1886.

Complaint having been entered at this office by Lewis H. Pingree against H. G. York for abandoning his homestead entry No. 5554 dated June 3, 1885, upon the nw qr sec 23, town 8 south, range 34 west, in Thomas county, Kans, with a view to the cancellation of said entry; contestant alleges that def't has failed to build a house suitable to live in and has never put a door in or any provisions or household furniture.

The said parties are hereby summoned to appear at this office on the 21st day of May, 1886, at 10 o'clock a. m. to respond and furnish testimony concerning said alleged abandonment.

A. L. PATCHIN, Register. 4-tal

Notice No. 4966. U. S. Land Office, Oberlin, Kansas. March 22, 1886.

Complaint having been entered at this office by Joseph R. Sims against J. J. Burton for abandoning his homestead entry No. 3261, dated May 8, 1885, upon the se qr sec 24, town 6 south, range 35 west, in Thomas county, Kansas, with a view to the cancellation of said entry; contestant alleges that def't has never established a residence on said land since making said entry.

The said parties are hereby summoned to appear at this office on the 14th day of May, 1886, at 10 o'clock a. m. to respond and furnish testimony concerning said alleged abandonment.

A. L. PATCHIN, Register. 4-tal

Notice For Publication No. 4356.

Land office at Oberlin, Kans. March 15, 1886. Notice is hereby given that the following named settler has filed notice of his intention to make final proof in support of his claim, and that said proof will be made before Probate Judge, Thomas Co., at Colby, Kas, on May 1, 1886, viz: George F. Pulsifer, H. E. No 2676, for the h n qr, n h nw qr sec 1, town 8 south, range 35 west.

He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon and cultivation of said land, viz: Robert Mullier, Henry Sayre, George Primmer, R. B. Youcum, all of Colby, Kansas.

A. L. PATCHIN, Register. 4-tal

Alias Notice—Timber Culture No. 4474.

U. S. Land Office, Oberlin, Kansas. February 12, 1886.

Complaint having been entered at this office by L. R. Brush against Oscar Thompson for failure to comply with law as to timber culture entry entry No. 7465, dated October 22d, 1884, upon the se qr sec 4, town 6 south, range 34 west, in Thomas county, Kansas, with a view to the cancellation of said entry; contestant alleging that Oscar Thompson has wholly failed to break or plow a single acre of said land or cause the same to be done at any time since making said entry and has wholly failed to plant a single acre of said land to timber, trees, tree seedling or cutting or cause the same to be done at any time since making said entry; the said parties are hereby summoned to appear at this office on the 22d day of April, 1886, at 10 o'clock a. m. to respond and furnish testimony concerning said alleged failure.

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